

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) yesterday hosted a dedication ceremony naming the Post Office on Cochran Boulevard in Port Charlotte after Lieutenant Commander Roy Boehm.

“Lieutenant Commander Roy Boehm was a true American hero,” Rooney said. “He set the standard for the Navy SEALs of today, and I am proud to honor his achievements through this Post Office dedication.”

Boehm, a longtime Punta Gorda resident who passed away in December 2008, was a retired Navy Lt. Commander and the first officer in charge of SEAL Team 2, one of the original Navy SEAL teams.

More than 100 people were on hand to pay tribute to Lt. Commander Boehm’s life and service, including family, friends, and men from across the country who served with him.

Boehm enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and fought during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In 1942, he participated in the Battle of Cape Esperance and Guadalcanal during WWII. He also was involved in action in Kerama Reto and Okinawa. In 1961, under orders from President Kennedy, Boehm was instrumental in developing and launching the Navy's elite Sea, Air, and Land forces unit known as the SEALs.

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